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New Personnel at MD Port Administration

Governor Ehrlich Appoints Residents of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Howard & Prince George's Counties

November 5, 2003; Dundalk, MD... Seven key positions in the Marketing, Finance and Communications Divisions of the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) have recently been filled, according to Ehrlich Administration officials. These include *John Murray* as Director of Marketing; *Joseph Guido* as Deputy Director Marketing; *Michael Geppi* as Warehousing and Distribution Manager; *William Franklin* as Special Assistant to the Director of Finance; *Darlene Frank* as Director of Communications and *Richard Berkow* and *Deidre McCabe* as PIOs.

Murray transfers from the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), where he advised senior management on organization, budget, personnel, and policy issues as Chief of Staff and Executive Director of the Maryland Economic Development Commission. Previously, he served as Director of State-Federal Affairs for the State of Wisconsin, in Washington, D.C.

Dundalk native *Joe Guido* comes to the MPA from a division of Citibank, where he spent the last 10 years as a National Sales Director for them.

Harford Countian *Mike Geppi* worked as Director of Business Development for the Michel Distribution Services Company in Aberdeen. A former Harford County Councilman, Geppi was very active in Harford County community affairs.

Oklahoma native, now resident of Prince George's County, *Franklin* will be MPA's liaison to the Board of Public Work. He will also advise the MPA on financial, budgetary, and procurement issues. He formerly worked at the International Trade Administration for the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C.

Columbia resident *Frank* was formerly Marketing Director for AEGON USA, where she integrated the Transamerica brand into AEGON. She too has prior state and local government experience, as Communications Director for DBED under James T. Brady, PIO under Mayor Schaefer's Committee on Art & Culture, and Media Relations Coordinator at Dundalk Community College.

Berkow, a former reporter for the *East County Times*, most recently worked as a PIO for the Maryland State Lottery. He volunteered for many years as Public Relations Officer for the Baltimore Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America. He resides in Pikesville.

McCabe, a former *Baltimore Sun* and *Gazette* reporter for 10 years, resides in Ellicott City with her husband Cabinet Secretary Chris McCabe. She will serve as Editor of the *Port of Baltimore Magazine*.

"We are highly pleased to have such an outstanding crop of individuals serving this administration," said MDOT Secretary Robert L. Flanagan.

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